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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] Coordinator of  
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FROM : [REDACTED]  
SUBJECT : Summer Intern Program Critique

From the outset I would like to express appreciation to those who make the summer intern program possible. I have found it a most beneficial program not only for myself as a student, but for the Agency as well. If the other interns have profited as much as I from this summer, then we shall all make good public relations personnel when we return to our respective schools.

As in all programs, however, there naturally is room for improvement. In my estimation, the matter which deserves most attention is housing. I for one was quite dismayed upon arrival to find exorbitant rental rates and year leases. I think it might be wise in the future to locate temporary housing for the students before they arrive. A list of Agency personnel willing to rent rooms to the interns could be compiled and sent to the students prior to their arrival in the city. Along with this, a detailed map of Washington and the suburbs would be most beneficial.

The search for living quarters is, in all honesty, the low point of the summer. For the most part, I found my work very interesting, and in all cases good experience. I was fortunate to work in two of the branches in the Cartography Division. This gave me a broader view of cartographic operations on the whole. I would suggest that this arrangement become the rule and not the exception.

The schedule of speakers was impressive, and most of them were very interesting. I would ask that, in the future, however, departmental abbreviations not be initially used to refer to particular divisions of the Agency. Many a speaker's point was lost as I tried to decipher the acronyms. A glossary or briefing board would have been most helpful.

One other rather minor point I would like to see changed is the cocktail party. Although social drinking is a good way of getting to know people, I think maybe beer and pizza would be better, and cheaper.

This summer has helped me further confirm my desire to continue in Cartography. I have a year remaining to receive my M.S. degree after which I would like to return to the Agency as a staff employee. I cannot imagine my having made the same decision had I not participated in the intern program.

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